

FRESNO, CA -Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced today that the Lamont Elementary School District will receive over \$300,000 in funds from the United States Department of Education (DOE) Literacy and School Libraries Program. The funds will be used to better equip and enhance the Lamont School Library.

“The educational needs of low-income and rural areas such as Lamont continue to grow. These funds will enable the Lamont Elementary School District to realize their goal of providing the best possible educational resources for their students” Congressman Costa explained.

The DOE Literacy and School Libraries Program grant is provided to various school libraries in order to improve students' reading and academic achievement. The goal of the Lamont School Library is to increase students' and teachers' access to adequate and up-to-date school library resources and materials, as well as provide sufficient professional and technical training to school library and media specialists.

“The improvements that we will soon see at the Lamont School Library will enhance the information literacy and thinking skills of students. It will also advance the Lamont Elementary School District as it will provide students, teachers and parents an access to the library system outside of school. As our students progress academically, the growth of the community will undeniably follow,” Costa concluded.

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